

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE MORNINGSIDES ASSOCIATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the families of the Morningside community and the City of Milford in marking the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Morningside Association—a very special milestone for this unique organization. Chartered by the Connecticut state legislature in 1921, the Morningside Association created a tight-knit, welcoming community where families have flourished for generations.

Nestled along the shores of Long Island Sound, the Morningside property has had a rich history. The parcel was included in the original land purchase from the Pausgusset Tribe and for the first several hundred years was known as “Merwin’s Farm” at Pond Point and was both a working farm and home to sixteen generations of the Merwin family. In the mid-1860’s, the land was purchased by New England industrialist Henry G. Thompson. Mr. Thompson built a manor house of twenty-two rooms, surrounded by wide expanses of lawn, rare, beautiful trees and elaborate flower gardens. The “Morningside” moniker was quickly given to his new home by Mr. Thompson because it faced the rising sun. In 1912 the property was offered for sale. Specialists in developing small residential communities, the owners of the Yale Land Company, Milton T. Yale and two sons, Fred and Will, recognized an ideal opportunity for a shorefront development. After dividing the land into building lots, they laid out and constructed Morningside Drive on the shore front and Ridgewood Drive bordering the woodland, with nine roads running due west to connect these drives and provide settings for homes.

By 1921 the majority of the lots had been sold and the Yale Land Company had gradually withdrawn its policy of active maintenance. It was then that the Morningside property owners decided to form an association and seek a charter from the state which would enable them to preserve the unique character of the Morningside neighborhood. They successfully lobbied the state legislature for the charter, designating the community as an improvement district. Over the course of the last century the Morningside Association has guided the community through a multitude of challenges including the transition from a summer to year-round residential community, the installation of a private storm drain and sewer line system, and the expansion of the community’s borders. The Association has also worked closely with the City of Milford, particularly with the installation and maintenance of the Morningside revetment—a granite wall made necessary due to the damage and erosion caused by hurricanes that hit the area in the early half of the 20th century.

Beyond the physical maintenance of the property, the Association is also responsible for the special sense of community that is Morningside. From the annual July 4th celebration to the shared enjoyment of the water and nature, the Association makes every effort to ensure that the families who call Morningside home are proud to do so. I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Morningside Association, past and present, who have and continue to work so diligently to create and enrich such a vibrant community. My heartfelt congratulations to them as they mark their centennial anniversary. As we say in Italian—C’ent Anni—to another hundred years.

IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WILLIAM RUSSELL III

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Command Sergeant Major William Russell III, the outgoing Brigade Command Sergeant Major of the 177th Military Police Brigade. His service to our community and to our Nation are worthy of commendation.

Born in Madison Heights, Michigan, he enlisted in the United States Army on May 16, 1989. During his time on active duty, he served Wheeled Vehicle Operator for ten years. After serving his duty, Command Sergeant Major Russell’s service to our country was not yet done. He enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard immediately after serving on active duty, serving with the 210th Military Police Company as a Section Sergeant.

His previous assignments with the Michigan Army National Guard include, Platoon Sergeant 1461st CBT HET Company, First Sergeant 1072nd Maintenance Company, Command Sergeant Major 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Command Sergeant Major 272nd Regional Support Group, Command Sergeant Major/Commandant 177th Regional Training Institute, Command Sergeant Major 177th Military Police Brigade, State Command Sergeant Major and Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Michigan National Guard. He has earned many awards for his exemplary service, including the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.

In the numerous roles that he has served and a military career that has spanned decades, Command Sergeant Major Russell has proven his tremendous commitment and dedication to service. A tried and true leader, he heard the call and has served this entire Nation well.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major William Russell III for his lifetime of invaluable service to this Nation. I join with Command

Sergeant Major Russell’s family—including his children DeSeandra, Alfonzo, and William—friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his exemplary and honorable service to this country.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JOHN LEE DICKINSON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life John Lee Dickinson of Mantachie, Mississippi who passed away on January 7, 2021 at North Mississippi Medical Center. I join countless friends, family, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Born February 4, 1947 in Marietta, Mississippi to Fisher and Jewel Lindsey Dickinson, John Lee grew to be a star athlete. He graduated from Mantachie High School and married his sweetheart Joyce Ann Franks in 1966. For 40 years he worked at the Tombigbee Electric Power Association and retired as the Fulton Branch Manager in 2009. He served in the United States Army National Guard, where he was awarded sharpshooter medals and other honors. He passed on his love of athletics, hunting, fishing and farming to his four children.

John Lee was an athlete and a scholar. He deeply enjoyed literature and poetry and was a gifted painter. He played four instruments and taught himself Spanish. John Lee was a dedicated grandfather, spending hours at the pool with his family and beloved dogs, Luke and Mandy.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 years, Joyce Ann Franks Dickinson; children Chris, Angie, Brian, and Jason; best friend, Barry; and many grandchildren.

John Lee Dickinson was a great man dedicated to family, faith, and country. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

CONGRATULATING THE ST. ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL PROGRAMS FOR THEIR 2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the St. Elizabeth High School Softball & Baseball Programs on being inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

St. Elizabeth High School fielded its first softball and baseball programs in 1951. Since 1991, they have combined to reach 15 Final

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